

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 1, a hospital bed 10 comprises a bed frame 24 supported by a base 12. Footboard 16 and headboard 18 are attached to bed frame 24. A first patient support siderail or first siderail 20, a second patient support siderail or second siderail 22 and a lifting mechanism 26 are located on each side of the bed 10 to restrain movement of a patient past opposite side edges of a first and second siderails 20 and 22 are pivotally attached to head deck section 34, and lifting mechanism 26 is rigidly attached to bed frame 24. First siderail 20 includes a flexible section 30 and an extendible section 31. Likewise, second siderail 22 includes a flexible section 32 and an extendible section 33.